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Hi,

This is an info dump on what past presidents and current Congress members have said on the topic of UFO's, UAP's, and extraterrestrials / NHI.

Yes — quite a few U.S. presidents, senior officials, and members of Congress have publicly commented on UFOs / UAPs (Unidentified Aerial or Anomalous Phenomena), extraterrestrials, or related topics.

Below is a **clear, structured overview** of what major figures have actually said — separating confirmed public statements, policy positions, and claims vs. skepticism.

U.S. Presidents — what they've said about UFOs / aliens

Barack Obama

He is one of the most openly quoted modern presidents on UAPs.

Key points:

- Said he **saw no evidence of alien contact** during his presidency.
- Acknowledged that the U.S. military has recorded **objects in the sky that cannot be explained**.
- Said the probability of life elsewhere is high, but **no proof aliens have visited Earth**.
- Asked about UFO secrets when he took office — but found nothing confirming aliens.

Summary:
Unexplained aerial objects are real — extraterrestrial visitation is unproven.

Donald Trump

Trump has commented a few times publicly.

General stance:

- Said he had been briefed on UFOs.
- Expressed skepticism about alien visitation.
- Did not claim evidence of extraterrestrials.

Summary:

Briefed, but unconvinced.

Jimmy Carter

Important historically because he personally reported a UFO sighting before becoming president (1969).

What happened:

- Filed an official sighting report while governor of Georgia.
- Later said he did not believe UFOs were extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Summary:
Witnessed something unexplained — not convinced it was alien.

Ronald Reagan

Often cited in UFO discussions.

What he said publicly:

- Speculated in speeches that humanity might unite if faced with an alien threat.
- Did not claim evidence of aliens.

Summary:
Used alien contact as a philosophical or rhetorical idea.

George H. W. Bush

No confirmed public statements acknowledging aliens.

However:

- A documentary claims he knew of alien contact — but **no evidence has been produced**, and it remains unverified.

Summary:
Claims exist — but not substantiated.

John Podesta — one of the most vocal insiders

John Podesta

Former:

- White House Chief of Staff under Bill Clinton
- Senior advisor to Barack Obama
- Chair of Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign

He is widely known for pushing UFO transparency.

Famous statement (2015):

- Said his biggest regret of 2014 was **not securing disclosure of UFO files**.
- Quote: “Finally, my biggest failure of 2014: Once again not securing the #disclosure of the UFO files. #thetruthisstilloutthere,”he tweeted on Friday, his last day in the White House.

Other comments:

- Advocated government transparency about UAP investigations.

[edit] Who is John Podesta? He previously served as White House chief of staff to President Bill Clinton from 1998 to 2001 and counselor to President Barack Obama from 2014 to 2015. Before that, he served in the Clinton administration as White House staff secretary from 1993 to 1995 and White House deputy chief of staff for operations from 1997 to 1998. He was chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. Additionally, he was a co-chairman of the Obama transition team. In his role as senior advisor to President Joe Biden.

Summary:
Strongly pro-disclosure and transparency.

U.S. Congress — major statements and actions

Congress has become increasingly active on UAPs since about 2017.

Public hearings

- Congress held public UFO hearings (2022 onward).
- Whistleblowers and former officials testified about unexplained craft and alleged secret programs.

Some claims included:

- Possible retrieval of unknown technologies.
- Allegations of secrecy and retaliation.
- Calls for disclosure.

BUT:

- Pentagon states it has found **no verifiable evidence of extraterrestrial technology or contact**.

Key lawmakers often associated with UAP efforts

Chuck Schumer

- Proposed legislation to accelerate UFO-related disclosure.

Kirsten Gillibrand

- Leads Senate interest in UAP tracking and data collection.

Marco Rubio

- Publicly emphasized that unidentified aerial objects could be a national security issue.

Notable congressional testimony (not elected officials)

David Grusch

- Testified that the U.S. has secret crash-retrieval programs.
- Said nonhuman materials had been recovered.
- Evidence not publicly verified.

Luis Elizondo

- Claims government possesses exotic materials.
- Pentagon says no verifiable extraterrestrial evidence exists.

Overall pattern across U.S. leadership

What leaders broadly agree on

✔ Some aerial phenomena remain unexplained
✔ Military encounters are real and documented
✔ Investigation is justified (national security concern)

What they do NOT confirm

 No confirmed alien visitation
 No confirmed extraterrestrial craft
 No verified nonhuman intelligence on Earth

Big picture — the political consensus

Across presidents, Congress, and defense agencies:

Position = unexplained phenomena exist, but extraterrestrial origin is unproven.

There is growing political willingness to:

- investigate
- collect data
- declassify records

But not to confirm alien presence.

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Yes — that quote comes from a **2015 appearance by Barack Obama** on **Jimmy Kimmel Live!** when he was asked about UFO files and Area 51.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYzRY2XpLBk

Here is the **actual exchange** (condensed to the key part):

> **“The aliens won’t let it happen. You’d reveal all their secrets. They exercise strict control over us.”**

When Kimmel mentioned that Bill Clinton said he checked and found nothing, Obama added:

> **“That’s what we’re instructed to say.”**

Most news outlets described the moment as clearly **tongue-in-cheek humor** during a light late-night segment, not a serious disclosure.

Context (what was happening)

Kimmel asked what Obama would do about secret UFO files if he were president. Obama joked that aliens would prevent disclosure — leading to the “strict control” line.

Grok:

Past U.S. Presidents on UFOs, UAPs, Aliens, Extraterrestrials, and NHI

Several former U.S. presidents have addressed topics related to unidentified flying objects (UFOs, now often called unidentified anomalous phenomena or UAPs), aliens, extraterrestrials, or non-human intelligence (NHI). Their statements range from expressions of curiosity to denials of direct knowledge, often emphasizing a lack of evidence for extraterrestrial contact. Below is a summary based on public records and interviews:

- **Barack Obama (President 2009–2017)**: In a February 2026 podcast interview, Obama initially responded to a question about whether aliens are real by saying, "They're real, but I haven't seen them." He added that, to his knowledge, no extraterrestrials are being held at Area 51. However, he quickly clarified on social media that while the vastness of the universe makes extraterrestrial life statistically likely, the distances involved make visits improbable, and he saw "no evidence during my presidency that extraterrestrials have made contact with us." Obama has previously discussed UAPs, noting in a 2021 late-night TV appearance that there are unexplained footage and records of objects in the skies, but he joked about asking for details on alien labs upon taking office and being told none existed.
- **Donald Trump (President 2017–2021 and 2025–present)**: Trump has been described as fully briefed on UAPs and secret UFO programs, including potential extraterrestrial information, according to UFO whistleblower David Grusch. In interviews, Trump has called Roswell "a very interesting place" and acknowledged public curiosity but declined to elaborate, saying, "I won’t talk to you about what I know about it, but it’s very interesting." Experts and advocates have urged Trump to declassify UFO files, suggesting he could "change history forever" by confirming alien existence if evidence exists. However, official statements from his administration and the Pentagon have found no verifiable evidence of

extraterrestrial materials or programs.

- **Other Presidents**:
  - **Bill Clinton (1993–2001)**: Clinton has expressed interest in UFOs, stating in interviews that he reviewed files on Roswell and Area 51 but found no evidence of aliens. He has waffled on direct questions, saying he wouldn't be surprised if life exists elsewhere but doubts visits to Earth.
  - **George W. Bush (2001–2009)**: Bush has similarly avoided definitive answers, often deflecting questions about aliens and UFOs with humor or non-committal responses in post-presidency interviews.
  - Historical figures like Jimmy Carter (1977–1981) reported a UFO sighting before his presidency and promised transparency but later said he found no evidence. Ronald Reagan (1981–1989) referenced UFOs in speeches, including a 1987 UN address speculating about humanity uniting against an "alien threat."

Overall, no president has publicly confirmed extraterrestrial contact or NHI, with most emphasizing unexplained phenomena but attributing them to mundane or foreign sources. Government reports, like a 2024 Pentagon review, found hundreds of new UAP incidents but "no evidence of extraterrestrial beings, activity, or technology."

John Podesta on UFOs, UAPs, Aliens, and Disclosure

John Podesta, former White House Chief of Staff under Bill Clinton and Counselor to Barack Obama, has been a prominent advocate for UFO transparency. In 2014, on his last day in the Obama White House, he tweeted his "biggest failure" was "not securing the #disclosure of the UFO files," adding "#thetruthisstilloutthere." Podesta has pushed for declassification, writing in a 2011 book foreword that the public "can handle the truth" about UFOs. His leaked 2016 emails (via WikiLeaks) revealed discussions on UFOs, including correspondence with musician Tom DeLonge about extraterrestrial matters and potential government cover-ups. In a 2016 interview, Podesta said it's "inconceivable" aliens don't exist elsewhere but was skeptical of recent visits to Earth. He expressed thrill in 2021 that Congress was finally addressing UAPs seriously. Podesta's involvement influenced hopes during Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign that she might prioritize disclosure. Obama-era records show Podesta's emails often referenced UFO disclosure.

Current Congress Members on UFOs, UAPs, Aliens, Extraterrestrials, and NHI

Congress has held multiple hearings on UAPs since 2023, with bipartisan interest in transparency, national security implications, and whistleblower protections. While no official confirmation of aliens or NHI exists, several members have highlighted unexplained phenomena and called for declassification. Key statements include:

- **Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN)**: A vocal advocate, Burchett has said UAPs could involve "non-human intelligence" and described footage as "scary."

He speculated on underwater alien bases, noting potential technology that could "turn us into charcoal." He pushes for more whistleblower protections and has criticized government secrecy.

- **Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL)**: Luna has hosted UAP hearings, sharing military video of a UAP splitting a Hellfire missile, which witnesses called inexplicable by U.S. tech. She emphasizes national security and has refuted rumors of hearing postponements.
- **Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)**: As chair of a 2025 UAP hearing, Mace called for cutting through secrecy on programs involving "extraterrestrial life or technology of nonhuman origin." She questioned witnesses on government conspiracies and UAP threats.
- **Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)**: Schumer has referenced a "constitutional crisis over UFOs" and co-sponsored the UAP Disclosure Act for national security and potential benefits from research. He supports declassifying files. (Note: Recent posts from Schumer mention the "Alien Enemies Act" in an immigration context, unrelated to UFOs.)
- **Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)**: Led a 2023 Senate UAP hearing and plans more to assess "rogue" programs lacking oversight.
- **Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL)** and **Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI)**: Both have questioned witnesses on non-human biologics from crash sites and called UAPs a potential national security issue if foreign or "something else."
- **Other Members**: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) described whistleblowers as having "very high clearances" and not "making this stuff up." Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) called them "brilliant individuals." Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) has commented on related due process issues but not directly on UAPs in recent contexts. Bipartisan efforts, like the 2025 hearing, stress that UAPs could be foreign threats, scientific issues, or NHI, with calls for better data and no stigma.

Hearings have featured whistleblowers like David Grusch, who claimed U.S. recovery of non-human "biologics" from crash sites, though unverified and denied by the Pentagon. Congress continues pushing for classified briefings and subpoenas.

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